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ANNUAL REPORTS

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OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

AND

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OF THE

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FOR THE

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TOWN OF CHESTER.

We, the Selectmen of the town of Chester, in submitting this, our annual report, to the Citizens of the town, respectfully present the following suggestions for your consideration:

The town debt, as will be seen, has been considerably reduced the past year.. With the same amount of money, raised for five years to come, with the ordinary expenses of the town, we shall pay the whole debt. If it were our own personal debt, we should endeavor to make an effort to pay it as soon as possible. Our valuation is less every year, mostly in consequence of the removal of our woods and timber, which are being taken away by outside parties, and ceased to be taxed, and the question arises, shall we require this class of property to pay its proportion of the debt, or allow it to go, and assess the debt on other property, which is more permanent, and cannot escape its full proportion.

The inventory blanks, annually distributed have not heretofore been strictly attended to as the law requires, by many of our citizens, and the Selectmen have been somewhat derelict in not more strictly enforcing the requirements of the law in regard to them. If you have no property to return, fill the blanks on the third page, if you have children, also, births and deaths, and all liable to military duty. By so doing you will save the Selectmen much trouble, and considerable expense to the town, as these statistics, are required to be collected, and sent to the Secretary of the State each year. If Highway Surveyors will read the law, Chap. 2. Sec. 10, in their warrant book, some of them will see that they have not complied therewith, and are therefore liable for such neglect. Our roads have been kept in fair condition the past year, and if the town were careful to elect none but competent men for surveyors, and the people be

more interested to have good roads, the amount of money which we raise, would, if it were properly expended, keep them in much better condition than they usually are. It has been said that the character of a people can be judged by the condition of their roads.

The Literary Fund for the past year was divided among those districts having less than $5.00 per scholar, as by vote of the town, which excluded No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9; and the other five districts received amounts, which, added to the school money raised in the district, made $4.15 per scholar, this being the average for the number of scholars in these districts, which seemed to be the intent of the vote, but has operated against districts having but few scholars, to the advantage of those having a larger number. Whether you will continue to so divide the fund, or in some other way, is for your consideration.

CHARLES S. WILCOMB,
ADDISON A. BEAN,
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,
Selectmen of Chester.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Moderator.—Silas F. Learnard.

Town Clerk.—Cyrus F. Marston.

Representative.—Henry H. Lane.

Selectmen.—Charles S. Wilcomb, Addison A. Bean, Augustus P. Morse.

Overseer of the Poor.—Augustus P. Morse.

Superintending School-Committee.—Charles A. Wilcomb.

Treasurer.—John W. Noyes.

Collector.—Silas F. Learnard.

Auditors.—Cyrus F. Marston, Moses Webster, Charles Chase.

Supervisors.—John W. Noyes, Edmund Sleeper, Anderson Holman.

Taxes assessed for the year 1881 are as follows :—

State tax	$1,016 00	
County tax	1,518 76	
School tax required by law	889 00	
Town tax	3,000 00	
School-house tax, District No. 9	60 00	
Non-resident highway tax	145 05	
Tax on dogs	65 00	
Per cent added	309 21	
		$7,003 02

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer for the following purposes, amounting to $5,437 87 :—

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, Silas F. Learnard	$232 59	
2, William C. Ela	134 71	
3, Albert M Hardy	170 72	
4, Asa Wilson	50 51	
5, J. W. Smith	46 65	
6, Oren F. Page	53 95	
7, W. H. H. Crowell	106 20	
8, Charles H. Knowles	66 40	
9, Amos Sanborn	51 11	
10, A. B. Parker	49 84	
1, in Auburn, Charles Chase	16 60	
		$979 28

Amount of School Money raised by tax	$889 00
Literary Fund	90 28
	$979 28

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax	$1,016 00	
County tax	1,518 76	
		$2,534 76

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Horace E. True, 701 ft. plank	$14 02	
Henry Knights, removing stone	4 85	
John Wason, 854 ft. plank	17 08	
John Wason, 4 stringers	10 00	
Chas. H. Edwards, 132 ft. plank	2 62	
A. P. Morse, guide boards, posts, and rails	4 00	
Edwin Haselton, 280 ft. plank	4 20	
Edwin Haselton, stringers for bridge	75	
Clark B. Hall, 200 ft. plank	4 00	
W. A. Smith, repairing culvert	2 00	
G. M. West, 120 ft. plank,	2 40	
		$65 92

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED.

Josiah D. Morse	$3 45	
James C. Whittemore	3 65	
Leon Richardson	9 83	
Wm. C. Ela	4 50	
Horace E. True	12 00	
John Wason	13 95	
Henry Knights and others	9 38	
George W. Clark	90	
Wm. Weeks	8 75	
Oren F. Page	4 50	
W. P. W. Whittemore	2 00	
		$72 91

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

S. F. Learnard, discount of 3 per cent paid before Aug. 1st . . .	$84 77	
		$84 77

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Amos Sanborn, Dist. No. 9 . . .	$60 00	
		$60 00

BREAKING ROADS.

William C. Ela, for 1880 and 1881 .	$54 84	
J. C. Whittemore, 1881 . . .	9 29	
John P. Robie, " . . .	26 25	
Andrew J. Morse, " . . .	24 75	
Seth D. Lane, " . . .	5 00	
James D. Lane, " . . .	6 87	
Horace E. True, " . . .	1 00	
George W. French, " . . .	5 12	
Anderson Holman, " . . .	5 52	
John A Haselton, " . . .	8 75	
Edward West, " . . .	6 00	
Frank P. Shackford, " . . .	12 75	
Chas. S. Wilcomb, " . . .	12 89	
		$179 03
Clarence O. Morse, to Feb. 18, 1882 .	1 25	
Oren F. Page, " " .	8 87	
Horace E. True, " " .	3 87	
Josiah D. Morse, " " .	25 44	
John Wason, " " .	14 25	
Barnard P. Robie, " " .	7 99	
George W. Clark, " " .	2 63	
William A. Smith, " " .	15 36	
George W. Weeks, " " .	13 85	
James C. Whittemore, " " .	15 61	
William Weeks, " " .	16 20	
Henry Knights, " " .	21 37	
W. P. W. Whittemore, " " .	21 50	
John Kimball, " " .	3 65	
		$171 84

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAYS.

George Emerson, for damage to sleigh	$3 00	
Arthur Bean, " "	6 00	
P. C. Young, " "	1 00	
		$10 00

TOWN HALL.

H. L. Pollard, painting	$20 40	
H. L. Pollard, repairing and painting blinds	8 80	
C. S. Wilcomb, painting,	14 25	
C. S. Wilcomb, repairing glass	50	
J. D. Morse, painting	9 62	
C. A. Wilcomb, lead and oil	42 54	
		$96 11

CEMETERY.

C. A. Wilcomb, shovel	$1 10	
C. H. Kent, care cemetery	4 00	
C. McDuffee, iron work	45	
		$5 55

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Wm. A. Smith, 1 sheep	$3 00	
Gilman Morse, 1 sheep	4 00	
Wm. P. Underhill, 2 sheep	6 00	
		$13 00

ABATEMENT OF DOG TAX.

John H. Smith, dog died	$1 00	
Chas. E. Smith, "	1 00	
Moses G. Underhill, dog died	1 00	
W. P. W. Whittemore, dog died	1 00	
Wm. Crawford, no dog April 1st	1 00	
Louis Kimball heirs, no dog	1 00	
		$6 00

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

John B. Clark, printing town reports,	$20 00	
C. F. Marston, for Town Officer and record book,	3 25	
Chas. Chase, getting town reports printed, and expenses	3 00	
H. B. Carter, check lists	8 15	
Temple & Farrington, for surveyor and collector's book,	2 62	
Chas. Bartlett, printing notices for selectmen's meeting	1 00	
		$38 02

ABATEMENT OF TAX ON S. F. LEARNARD'S LIST.

1880.	John W. Noyes, error	$3 10	
"	Chas. E. Knights, left town	1 25	
"	Horatio T. House, left town	1 25	
"	Henry D. French, left town	1 25	
"	Roxanna Marden, wrong tax	2 33	
"	John Dennison, unable	1 25	
1881.	David Laro, unable	1 25	
"	William Griffin, unable	1 25	
"	Austin J. Lane, cow died	30	
"	John W. West, over 70	1 62	
1880.	John J. Knights, left town	1 25	
"	Chas. Underhill, left town	1 25	
1881.	James Shirley, horse died	56	
"	Chas. Wilson, cow died	33	
"	Cyrus Hills, wrong tax	4 86	
"	Hezekiah Haselton place, over tax	3 24	
"	Jesse J. Chase, over tax	1 62	
			$27 96

ABATEMENT OF TAX ON J. N. HASELTON'S LIST, 1874

John Melvin	$19 94	
Josiah D. Morse	11 85	
Nathaniel Johnson	1 61	
Benjamin F. Underhill	4 95	
Richard B. Morse	18 16	
David C. French	6 28	
George W. French	1 61	
Charles P. Carr	1 61	
Silas W. Tenney left town	1 61	
Moses A. Tewxbury place over taxed	3 00	
Nathaniel H. Currier	1 61	
Nathaniel H. Currier, Jr.	3 58	
Joseph L. Small	10 34	
Mrs. A. W. Sargent over taxed	5 56	
		$91 71

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON J. N. HAZELTON'S LIST OF 1875.

Nathaniel B. Couch	$3 22
Nathaniel H. Currier, Jr.	2 24
Nathaniel H. Currier	1 56
William A. Brown	8 16
Frank C. Brown	1 96
James R. Gorden	22 54
Thomas J. Melvin	60 57
T. J. Melvin and son,	14 70
Josiah D. Morse	14 64
George H. McDuffee	1 96
Frank L. McDuffee	96
Franklin A. Morse	2 96
Charles E. Morse	1 96
Sylvester A. Parker left town	1 96

John S. Tilton left town	2 96	
Charles Warren left town	1 96	
Charles P. Carr	1 56	
Joseph F. Gale	1 56	
Arthur B. Chase	1 56	
Frank H. Martin	2 56	
Edwin A. Nichols	1 56	
John Melvin	1 96	
George W. French	1 56	
Charles George	1 56	
Huntress Spofford	1 56	
Nelson Amsden	3 56	
John Dennison	1 56	
George J. Chase	1 56	
		$166 43

PERAMBULATING TOWN LINES BETWEEN SANDOWN, FREMONT, CANDIA, AND AUBURN.

Selectmen's services	$15 00	
" expenses	10 00	
		$25 00

BOUNTY ON HAWKS AND CROWS.

C. S. Wilcomb 8 hawks, April 1881	1 60	
" Feb. 15, 1882, 33 crows	3 30	
A. A. Bean and A. P. Morse, 7 crows	70	
		$5 60

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Samuel S. Parker to Decorate Soldiers' graves	$10 00
David Cross legal advice	2 00
C. F. Marston for copying records of town lines	1 00
B. F. Haselton for right to pass over field, winter of 1881 and 1882	3 00

W. H. Underhill right to pass over field, winter of 1881	5 00	
F. Griffen, heating town hall	2 00	
G. B. Sanders, heating town hall to Feb. 18, 1882	2 00	
W. G. Everett, insurance on town hall	30 00	
		$55 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

S. F. Learnard, balance for 1880	$18 02	
S. F. Learnard in part for 1881	75 00	
		$93 02

SUPERVISORS.

John W. Noyes	$6 00	
Edmund Sleeper	3 00	
Anderson Holman	3 00	
		$12 00

TOWN TREASURER.

John W. Noyes	$25 00	
		$25 00

TOWN CLERK.

Cyrus F. Marston	$15 00	
Stationery &c.	1 00	
		$16 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles A. Wilcomb	$40 00	
		$40 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Charles S. Wilcomb	$53 00	
Addison A. Bean	23 25	
Augustus P. Morse	11 25	
		$87 50

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Charles S. Wilcomb	$17 85	
Addison A. Bean	1 50	
Augustus P. Morse	3 00	
		$22 35

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Augustus P. Morse, for services and expenses	$15 00	
		$15 00

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

Cyrus F. Marston	2 00	
Moses Webster	2 00	
Charles Chase	2 00	
		$6 00

AUDITORS' AND SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Chas. S. Wilcomb	$4 50	
		$4 50

CHARLES S. WILCOMB,
ADDISON A. BEAN,
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,
Selectmen of Chester.

REPORT OF AUGUSTUS P. MORSE, OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Frank P. Brown, for goods furnished Hannah L. Currier, from Jan. 18, 1881, to Feb. 15, 1882 . .	$69 64	
		$69 64
Mrs. H. Knippee, for boarding Edmund K. Morse, from Feb. 4, 1881, to Feb. 17, 1882	$75 73	
C. A. Wilcomb, for clothing . .	2 16	
		$77 89

County of Rockingham, for board of Clarence Waymouth, 18 5-7 weeks, to Oct. 29, 1881 . . .	$46 78	
Betsey A. Waymouth, for board 16 wks. to Feb. 18, 1882 . . .	20 00	
C. S. Wilcomb, services and expenses .	3 75	
		$70 53
Ebenezer Hoyt, for board of Humphrey Niles, from Sept. 1, 1881, to March 1, 1822	$39 00	
		$39 00
J. M. Young, for coffin for Josiah Sanborn, ...	$11 00	
C. S. Wilcomb, for services . . .	3 00	
G. W Wilcomb, " . . .	1 00	
		$15 00

JOHNSON FAMILY.

City of Manchester	$11 00	
A. A. Bean, self and team, to move goods and family	3 00	
C. S. Wilcomb, for services and expenses	4 50	
C. S. Wilcomb, house rent to Feb. 25, 1882	22 50	
C. S. Wilcomb, for 3 1-2 cds. Wood .	7 00	
C. S. Wilcomb, for supplies . .	1 20	
Asa Wilson, for wood . . .	8 50	
C. A. Wilcomb, for goods from May 25, 1881, to Feb. 18, 1882 . .	46 60	
		$104 30
Total amount for support of town paupers .		$376 36

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mrs. John West, services for Annetta Gile	$16 00	

J. F. Brown, medical attendance	10 00	
Chas. Adams, coffin	8 00	
C. S. Wilcomb, services and expenses	4 00	
Chas. H Kent, services	2 00	
		$40 00
Samuel S. Parker, board of Abba Wentworth, from Nov. 16, '81, to Jan. 16, '82,	$11 25	
		$11 25
Collected of Co. and paid town treasurer		$51 25

AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,
Overseer of the Poor.

TOTAL, ... $5,437 87

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 25, 1882.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the past year, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MOSES WEBSTER,
CHARLES CHASE,
Auditors.

SUMMARY.

State tax	$1,016 00
County tax	1,518 76
School money	979 28
Highways and Bridges	65 92
Non-resident highway	72 91
Discount on taxes	84 77
School-house tax	60 00
Breaking roads	350 87
Cemetery	5 55

Damages on highway	10 00	
Painting town hall	96 11	
Sheep killed by dogs	13 00	
Abatement on dogs	6 00	
Printing and Stationery	38 02	
Abatement on taxes	286 10	
Perambulating town line	25 00	
Bounty on hawks and crows	5 60	
Miscellaneous bills	55 00	
Collecting taxes	93 02	
Supervisors	12 00	
Town treasurer	25 00	
Town clerk	16 00	
School Committee	40 00	
Selectmen, services and expenses	109 85	
Overseer of Poor	15 00	
Support of town poor	376 36	
" county poor	51 25	
Auditors' services and expenses	10 50	
		$5,437 87

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1881–2.

To cash paid for printing and stationery	$38 02
breaking roads	350 87
non-resident taxes worked out	72 91
improvements on roads and bridges	65 92
state tax	1,016 00
county tax	1,518 76
cemetery and hearse	5 55
sheep killed by dogs	13 00
collecting taxes, bal. for 1880 and in part for 1881	93 02
discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1	84 77
bounty on hawks and crows	5 60
superintending school committee	40 00
town treasurer's salary	25 00
town clerk's salary and expenses	16 00
supervisors' services	12 00
school money to districts	979 28
overseer of poor, services and expenses	15 00
support of poor	427 61
selectmen's services	87 50
selectmen's expenses	22 35
town debt on notes taken up	3,260 90
town debt on notes now outstanding	305 75
abatement of taxes	33 96
town hall, expenses for painting, etc.	96 11
auditors' services	6 00
auditors' and selectmen's expenses	4 50
school house in district No. 9	60 00
damages on highway	10 00
perambulating town lines	25 00
S. S. Parker, for decorating soldiers' graves	10 00
C. F. Marston, for copying records of town line	1 00
W. G. Everett, for insurance on town hall	30 00
W. H. Underhill and B. F. Hazelton, for damages to fields by crossing with teams	8 00
F. Griffin and G. B. Sanders, warming town hall	4 00
legal advice	2 00
Balance in treasurer's hands.	981 98
	$9,728 36

JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER. *Cr.*

1881.		
Mar. 12.	By balance in the treasury on settlement Feb. 14, 1881	$874 17
12.	By cash of G. B. Sanders, for use of town hall	19 25
18.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1880	100 00
April 1.	" "	200 00
1.	hired of Nelson Gillingham	250 00
29.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1880	150 00
May 28.	" "	100 00
June 6.	" " 1881	250 00
27.	" " 1880	175 00
July 2.	Charles Chase for old lead bullets sold	3 25
11.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1880	100 00
20.	" " "	175 00
21.	" " 1881	300 00
26.	" " "	320 00
Aug. 1.	" " "	930 00
6.	" " "	270 00
15.	" " "	300 00
15.	state treasurer, bounty on foxes and hawks	24 80
15.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1881	132 26
Nov. 1.	hired of Frederick Wason	1,000 00
28.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1881	300 00
Dec. 2.	" " "	800 00
6.	" " "	200 00
14.	" " "	300 00
24.	" " "	250 00
1882.		
Jan. 13.	" " "	300 00
18.	state treasurer, railroad tax	18 32
18.	" savings bank tax	820 41
18.	" literary fund	89 87
Feb. 4.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1881	200 00
18.	Moses Webster, for shingle	1 50
18.	county for support of paupers	51 25
20.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1881	400 00
20.	C. S. Wilcomb for highway taxes collected	32 89
20.	J. N. Hazelton on tax list of 1874	6 57
20.	" " 1875	23 11
20.	" interest on taxes collected	9 95
22.	S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1881	250 76
		$9,728 36

JOHN W. NOYES, *Town Treasurer.*

Chester, Feb. 25, 1882.

STATEMENT.

The town owes notes as follows, all on interest at four per ct. per annum, interest cast to March 1, 1882: —

1878.			
Feb.	1.	Daty Ann Morse	$341 50
	1.	Martha W. Webster	234 75
	1.	Moses Webster	1,000 00
	1.	Jonathan Pressey	880 31
	1.	Sarah Shaw	880 31
	1.	Sarah A. Morse	1,053 38
	1.	Joseph Webster	762 85
	15.	Daniel Sanborn	1,171 79
	15.	William P. Underhill	516 45
April	10.	Mary Butterfield	432 96
July	1.	James D. Lane	308 26
	1.	John Lane	102 75
	1.	David Currier	175 44
1879.			
Jan.	9.	George M. Clark	113 14
	19.	Ebenezer Marden	401 81
	19.	John Wason	124 30
Feb.	4.	Julia A. Sanborn	180 48
	5.	Matilda S. True	134 31
	10.	Ella E. Webster	125 49
	17.	Mary Sanborn	315 40
1880.			
Mar.	20.	Benjamin Dearborn	755 49
1881.			
Feb.	1.	Lydia Carr	522 50
Nov.	1.	Frederick Wason	1,013 33
		Amount of notes outstanding	$11,547 00

From which amount deduct ;—		
Cash in Treasurer's hands . .	$981 98	
Balance due on S. F. Learnard's tax-list of 1881	1,500 00	
Balance due from United States .	895 00	
		$3,376 98
Balance against the town, March 1, 1882 . .		$8,170 02
Balance against the town reduced the past year .		$1,940 97

JOHN W. NOYES, *Treasurer.*

CHESTER, Feb. 25, 1882.

CHESTER, Feb. 25, 1882.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Town Treasurer's accounts for the past year, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MOSES WEBSTER,
CHARLES CHASE,
Auditors.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

1880.			AGE.
Jan.	19.	Mrs. John White	91
Mar.	22.	Francis O. Sanborn	44
April	1.	Lucian Kent	52
	16.	Benjamin Hills	78
May	8.	Lucy Bell	85
June	4.	John Robinson	77
Sept.	9.	Converse L. Waymouth	63
Oct.	4.	Benjamin Wilson	78
	11.	Lizzie W. Dolber	2 1-2 mos.
Nov.	14.	Cynthia Lane	71
Dec.	3.	Dearborn Knowles	72
	7.	Charles T. Melvin	45
1881.			
Jan.	15.	Mary Cowdry	80
	23.	Mrs. J. D. Rand	32
	29.	Thomas J. Melvin	72
	30.	*Buchannan Shirley	25
Feb.	5.	Hattie Smith	6
Mar.	19.	Betsey Pressey	69
	28.	Wm. Hedderwick	28
	30.	*David Chase	60
April	1.	Maria C. Noyes	70
	1.	Mrs. Hiram Basford	77
	14.	Miss Frances Haselton	22
	29.	Miss Myra Gillingham	22
May	8.	Josiah Sanborn	68
	18.	Newton Drown	18
	30.	Mrs. Lois Couch	69
June	18.	Hannah Shirley	62
July	30.	Mrs. Catherine Kelley	60
Sept.	25.	Miss Hellen Merrill	29
	30.	*John Wason	71
Oct.	19.	Josiah J. Hall	76
	1.	*Marian Bell	21
Nov.	14.	Annetta Gile	42
Dec.	1.	*Dolly Sleeper	73
	15.	Benjamin Davis	74
	16.	Mrs. Mary A. Adams	72
	16.	Miss Annie Smith	80
	23.	Nathaniel Messer	79

1882.

Feb.	13. *Mrs. David Worthen	80
Jan.	15. *Joseph Knowles	85
Feb.	17. *Adeline Noyes	51
	21. *Hazen Basford	70
	Arthur B. Chase	34
	Nellie B. Richardson	12

*Former residents, brought here for burial.

FARM CROPS RAISED IN TOWN IN 1880, AS TAKEN BY THE SELECTMEN, APRIL, 1881.

	Bushels.		Estimated Value.
Corn	4,014	@ $ 80	$3,211 20
Oats	379	@ 60	238 20
Potatoes	7,755	@ 70	5,228 50
Rye	179	@ 1 00	179 00
Barley	93	@ 1 00	93 00
Plants and Vegetables	1,341	@ 25	335 25
Hay and Straw,—tons	1,339	@ 12 00	16,068 00
Apples,—bbls.	11,085	@ 1 00	11,085 00
Bluberries,—bush.	504	@ 2 00	1,008 00
Total			$37,445 15

VALUATION OF TOWN IN 1881.

Real and personal estate—resident	$360,754
" " —non-resident	48,411
Total	$409,165

VALUATION IN 1880.

Resident	$387,743	
Non-resident	40,943	
		$428,686
Decrease in one year		$19,521

School Report, 1881-2.

In this annual review, I have departed from the usual custom of reporting each district separately, and hope I may by the use of the following table, with some comments and suggestions, present a clear, concise and honest statement of the condition and needs of our schools.

As a whole, the school work has not been as profitable as the two preceding years. There have been too many changes of teachers; changes in several cases for the best, in some cases unavoidable; but invariably causing a loss of time, quite visibly affecting the general standing of some schools. We have had eighteen different teachers, but three districts retaining the same teacher throughout the year. This oft recurring cause is the direct result of a defective system of conducting our rural public schools; a system appropriate to the times 'of our grandfathers', but not meeting the wants of the schools of today. Education is a science, and the methods of education are the results of years of experiment and discussion. I would have teachers hired and paid by a school board of at least three; and every teacher should have spent more or less time in a Normal or Training School. I would have them possess a true moral character, fit guides to young minds. A school is what its teacher makes it. A pupil immediately reflects the character of its model; therefore seek models upright and pure.

We have expended the last year $962.68 for instructing 211 children. Taxpayers, you ought to take more interest in the schools ; it is *your* money, and you should *watch* its expenditure zealously. It ought to be unnecessary to urge upon parents the duty of personally inspecting their workmen's work, but visiting schools is quite out of fashion, while criticisms based generally upon exaggerated, one sided reports of very good but very fallible children, are altogether too fashionable. Troubles between parents and teachers generally arise from misunderstandings, easily righted if in a spirit of charity a personal examination is made.

A very prominent failing of many teachers is a total lack of system. Classes are called and dismissed, recesses are taken, and school ended in a helter-skelter way. Some of our teachers have been very lax in regard to whispering, and the inevitable result is disorder. Some will say : "how shall we avoid these contingencies ?" In the first place, choose as prudential committees, honest men who have a sincere interest in the rising generation ; demand of them a careful selection, from the applicants as teachers ; see that your children are punctual, obedient and respectful, and watch the interests of your schools as you do the expenditure of money on your farms.

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 1.—Bella Adams, Dora Griffin, Gertie Edwards, Georgie Edwards, Ira Morse, Mary Landagan.

Dist. No. 2. —Clara Chase, Samuel Bell, Emily Ela, Hattie Ela, Nora Green, Johnnie Couch.

Dist. No. 3.—None.

Dist. No. 4.—George Berney, Frank Smith, Charlie Smith, Arthur Rogers, Joseph Johnson, Charlie Knapp, Clara Knapp, Esther Berney, Nannie Childs.

Dist. No. 5.—Rena Smith.

Dist. No. 6.—Frank Andrews, Charlie Marston, Osborne Spofford, Alice Spofford, Sadie Towle.

Dist. No. 7.—Sadie Stevens, Cora Follansbee, Herman Follansbee, Herbert Crowell, Dan. Coombs, Frank Green.

Dist. No. 8.—Flora Dow, Jennie Knowles, Susie Wason, Etta Marden, Flora Batchelder, Nellie Batchelder, Willie Wason, Albert Wason.

Dist. No. 9.—Sadie Bean, Mabel West.

Dist No. 10—Bertie Emerson, Johnnie Emerson, Warren Emerson, Florence Lane, Clara E. Parker, Emma F. Parker.

CHESTER ACADEMY.

A term of 14 weeks has been taught by Mr. L. H. Curtis, member of the Sophomore Class, Dartmouth College, with very good success. Whole number of different pupils, 30.

Respectfully,

CHARLES A. WILCOMB,

Superintendent.

District.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	TEACHERS.	Amount of school money.	Wages of teachers per mo., with board.	No. of terms.	No. of weeks.	Whole No. different pupils.	Average daily attendance.	Percent. daily attendance.	No. not absent during year.	No. children between 5 and 15 not attend'g any school.	No. visits by parents and others.	No. studying Reading and Spelling.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying History.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying Composition.	No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Philosophy.	No. studying Physiology.	Amt. expended per scholar.
1	Silas F. Learnard.	Miss Lucy E. Learnard. Miss Vesta A. Goldsmith. Miss Emma A. Small.	$232 59	$32 00	3	27	52	34.6	.874			71	50	48	39	23	10	6			4		1	$4 47
2	Wm. C. Ela.	Miss Nellie B. Sleeper.	134 71	26 00	2	19 2-5	28	19.5	.812			38	28	27	22	17	7	2			3			4 80
3	Albert Hardy.	Miss Alice M. Chesley. Miss Nellie B. Sleeper.	170 72	20 00 26 00	3	29	24	20.5	.941			54	24	24	20	20	9	1					1	7 11
4	Asa Wilson.	Miss Linna J. Nutt. Mr. H. M. Warren.	50 51	18 00 20 00	2	12	20	13	.866	1		32	20	14	16	14	10	7	1	8	1		2	2 52
5	J. W. Smith.	Miss Maud B. West. Miss Nellie M. Haselton.	46 65	16 00	1	14	11	10	.909	1	1	7	11	10	9	2	1	1						4 24
6	Oren F. Page.	Miss Susan H. Emery. Miss Vina M. Richardson.	53 95	18 00	2	13 2-5	17	12	.850	4		13	17	11	12	9	4		1	5				3 16
7	H. C. Crowell.	Miss Mary E. Wilcomb. Mr. Morris W. Morse.	106 20	20 00	2	21 4-5	29	19	.836	1	2	65	18	18	16	11	8	3						3 66
8	C. H. Knowles.	Miss Mary Haselton.	66 40	19 28	2	14	17	15.5	.939	2		29	17	13	15	11	9	2	2	9	2	1		3 90
9	Amos Sanborn.	Miss Emma Goldsmith. Miss Minnie D. Smith.	51 11	14 00	2	14	5	4.5	.900			16	5	5	5	4				4				10 22
10	A. B. Parker.	Mrs. J. A. Hooke.	49 84	14 00	2	14 2-5	8	7.6	.986	4	1	16	8	4	4	3	2	2	1				1	6 23
		Total.	$962 68		21	179	211			13	4	341	208	174	158	114	60	24	5	26	10	1	5	

Per cent. of attendance,	.89	District No. One in Auburn,	$16.60
Average pay of teachers per month,	$20.27	Amount raised by town,	$889.00
Average amt. expended per pupil,	$4.56	Literary fund,	90.28
			$979.28

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Memorandum Books,	Playing Cards,	Blotting Paper,
Butcher Books,	Pass Books,	Tissue Papers,
Writing Books,	Ledgers,	Indelible Ink,
Inks,	Journals,	Indelible Pencils,
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